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GREEN HORNET

Waid Makes Green Hornet a Must-Reid

Mark Waid is a rare commodity in comics: a writer whose name sells comics. Whether's his byline graces a creator-owned book like *Incorruptible*, a classic ever-green tale like *Kingdom Come*, or *Irredeemable* or a high-profile title like *Daredevil* and *Indestructible Hulk*, his appearance on a comics credit line is a guarantee of quality storytelling.

So you can understand why Dynamite president and publisher Nick Barrucci is so thrilled to have Mark Waid taking the helm of their new *Green Hornet* relaunch series. "Sometimes in life, things happen for a reason," Barrucci explained. "We've wanted to work with Mark nearly since Dynamite's inception. We first approached him about writing a *Red Sonja* mini-series, but Mark wasn't familiar with the character and passed. Over the years we've approached Mark about various projects, but his schedule did not allow.

"We've always wanted a strong writer to write the original Green Hornet, as Matt Wagner has done a fantastic job on *Green Hornet: Year One*. And ever since *Green Hornet: Year One*, we hadn't found the right writer for a new series. When Mark's schedule allowed for us to finally work together, I asked which character(s) he would like to write. Right off the bat, he said the Green Hornet. I said 'Yes!' It was perfect for everyone. It took awhile, but I'm proud to say we're working with Mark Waid on a *Green Hornet* series, and it is worth the wait."

Without giving away too many details, Waid discussed his take on the new series. "It should come as little surprise that I have an affinity for all costumed crimefighters, no matter if their adventures are 'period pieces' or not—heroism is heroism regardless of whatever year's on the calendar," Waid said. "With this *Green Hornet* project, which I've been percolating on for more than ten years, I'm able to meld my love of the Hornet's legacy with a little bit of *Citizen Kane* and a lot of *Lawrence of Arabia* to tell a story never before told—the dark years of the Hornet's later career and the one mistake he makes that nearly costs him everything."

What led Waid to focus on a *Green Hornet* project a decade ago, when the character was virtually forgotten by comic book readers? "When I first moved back to Los Angeles, my friend Andrew Cosby [one of the major players in the launch of Boom Entertainment and a writer/producer of the TV series *Eureka*] was the most recent in the long line of writers for the *Green Hornet* movie," Waid explained. "We talked about Hornet, Kato and Britt Reid to great lengths, and that was enough to rekindle my fascination with the character."

Which Green Hornet is Waid presenting: the traditional character, the Seth Rogen cinematic version of recent vintage, the Kevin Smith version, or something totally different from all of them? "Definitely something

wholly different," Waid said. "This is a story set in the later days of the original Hornet's career, but the Britt Reid that we encounter is *not* quite the charming, beloved, super-noble Britt we've seen before—and thereupon hangs the tale.

"His whole narrative hook is too easily forgotten—the reason he can work effectively as a crimefighter is because both he *and* the underworld believe he's a master criminal. That's what makes him unique—almost as if he has not a *dual* identity, but a *triple* identity. That's a cool idea, and it plays just as well today as it did originally."

As to exactly when the story takes place, "I'm still doing historical research to ail down an exact year that's best," Waid said, "but it's set in the post-WWII era... most likely the early 1950s," Waid added.

What sort of a world does the Green Hornet operate in? What's the role of the Hornet in that world, and what motivates Britt Reid to take on the role? "Ha!" Waid responded. "What motivated him to *originally* become the Hornet is different than what motivates

him *now*. Go watch *Lawrence of Arabia* again, then follow it up with *Citizen Kane*, and that'll give you the true measure of our man. I'm really excited to write a grand super-hero saga where the driving force behind the story is hubris."

Green Hornet fans will be quite happy to hear that Kato is a vital part of this series—and it's not a revamped Kato or Kevin Smith's female Kato, but "the classic Kato—but with a twist," Waid said, "because his relationship with the Hornet has both *evolved* and *devolved*... Let's just say that Kato doesn't like the kind of man Britt Reid is becoming."

Waid has done the Steed-and-Peel Avengers at Boom, now the Green Hornet at Dynamite... is this a chance for him to revisit the shows he watched in his own childhood? Is there an element of personal nostalgia here? "Honestly, not so much," Waid replied. "I just see a style and a unique flair with all these properties that's perhaps gotten a little lost or forgotten over the years, and I like taking these gems and just polishing them up a little to show you why I like them. It's that simple!"

Joining the team as cover artist is Waid's *Daredevil* collaborator, artist Paulo Rivera, who is supplying the cover art for Mark Waid's *Green Hornet*. "I wasn't very familiar with The Green Hornet growing up, but I always thought he looked sleek and stylish—I guess I had a soft spot for old-school heroes," Rivera said. "I later discovered that he was designed by H. J. Ward, my favorite painter of all time. The more I learned about Ward, the more I learned about Britt Reid and Kato, including Reid's familial ties to The Lone Ranger, the more eager I was to work on the project. I can't wait to render my interpretation of the green team!..."

Mark Waid's *Green Hornet* #1, a \$3.99 comic by Mark Waid & Daniel Indro, is scheduled for March release from Dynamite Entertainment. In addition to a standard edition featuring cover art by Paulo Rivera, Dynamite is also offering a subscription variant featuring cover art by Alex Ross; a 1-for-15 variant cover featuring a black-and-white Paulo Rivera cover; a 1-for-25 variant featuring an Alex Ross sketch cover; and a 1-for-50 Paulo Rivera virgin variant.

by Cliff Biggers



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Bond Has a License to Thrill at Vertigo

Finding an editor skilled enough to replace an industry icon like Karen Berger at Vertigo is a tough task indeed... but for the folks at DC Entertainment, the search was remarkably simple—and it didn't even take them out of the Vertigo offices!

Shelly Bond has been promoted to Executive Editor of the Vertigo imprint for DC Entertainment. Joining Bond in her new leadership role are Will Dennis, who has been promoted to Group Editor—Vertigo; and Mark Doyle who has been promoted to Editor—Vertigo. All three staffers have spent years under the guidance of outgoing SVP & Executive Editor Karen Berger, creating a continuity in editorial experience.

"I've been incredibly lucky to have worked for many years with these three smart and talented editors. Shelly has been by my side since the beginning of Vertigo, so I couldn't be happier about passing the baton to her," Berger said. "She brings so much creativity, passion and professionalism to everything she edits with special note to the wildly successful *Fables*, which she launched and has overseen for over ten years.

"Will is a highly regarded story editor of many critically acclaimed series including *100 Bullets*, *DMZ*, and *Scalped*, and has procured many European and South American artists for our titles.

"Mark has a great eye for new writing talent, and his avid interest in up-to-the-minute fiction has been a real asset to the line. I look forward to reading many great comics and graphic novels from these three for many years to come. Vertigo is in the best of hands."

Bond began her career at Vertigo in 1993 as Assistant Editor. Her unique pop culture sensibility and love of all things British—plus a knack for discovering new, uncompromising and inspired talent—helped launch some of the most beloved Vertigo series and OGNs, including *Fables*, *The Invisibles*, *Lucifer*, *iZombie*, *The Sandman: Endless Nights*, and many more. The list of talented creators Bond has worked with over the years includes such luminaries Michael Allred, Mark Buckingham, Mike Carey, Howard Chaykin, Becky Cloonan, Neil Gaiman, Peter Gross, Gilbert Hernandez, James Jean, Phil Jimenez, Peter Milligan, Grant Morrison, Paul Pope, Steven T. Seagle, Jill Thompson, Bill Willingham, and many more.

"It's been a great privilege, both personally and professionally, to work with Karen Berger since Vertigo's inception," Bond said. I look forward to honoring her legacy by

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continuing to push the imprint to arresting new heights ably abetted by a fiercely talented editorial team. Expect nothing but the deft storytelling, incomparable artistry and the bravado that has made Vertigo an industry leader."

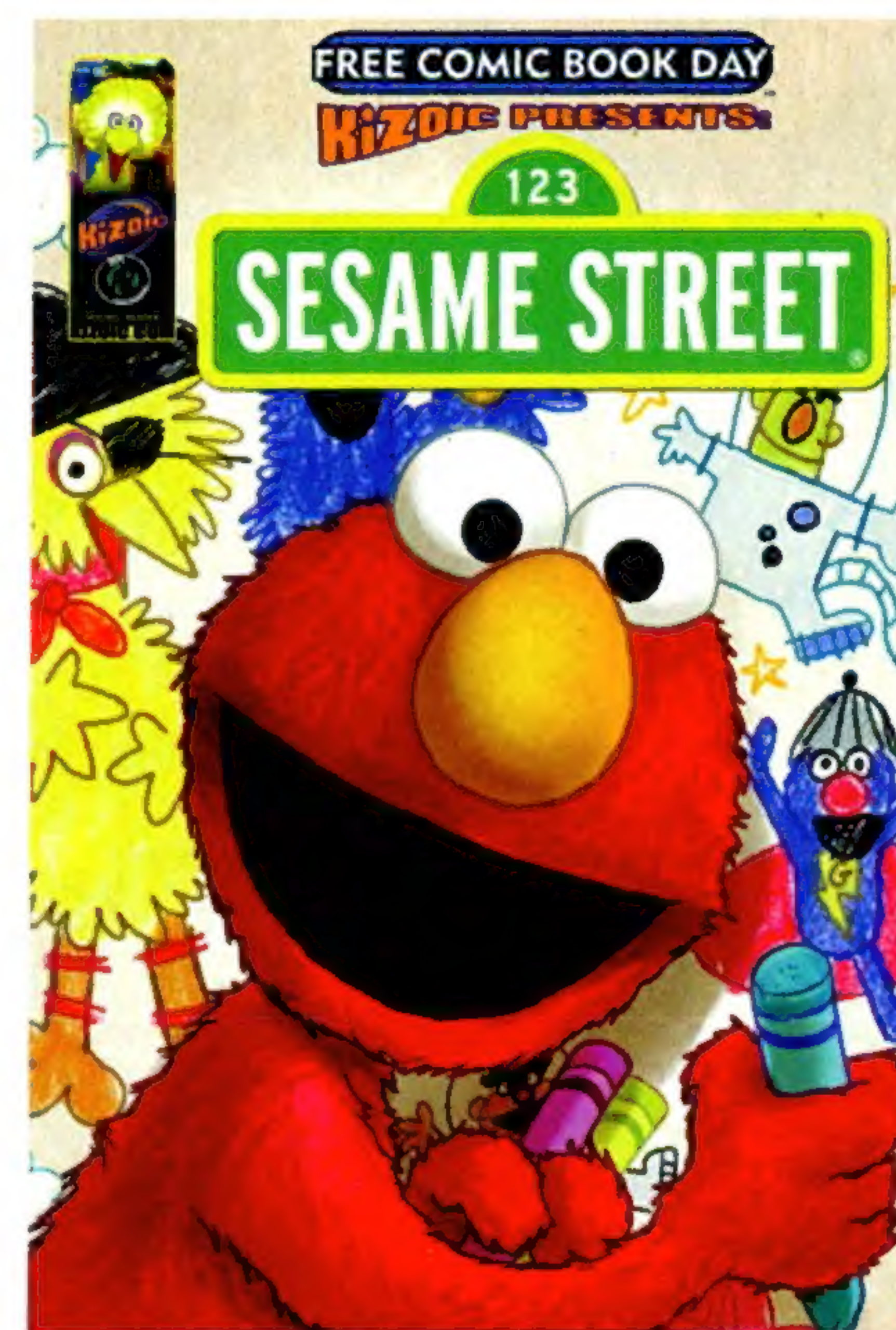
Dennis has had a long and critically-acclaimed editorial career at Vertigo and DC Comics, working with such talents as Jason Aaron, Brian Azzarello, Lee Bermejo, R.M. Guera, Jim Lee, Denise Mina, Eduardo Risso, Brian K. Vaughan, Brian Wood, and the legendary Joe Kubert. *100 Bullets*, *Scalped*, *Pride of Baghdad*, *Dong Xoai: Vietnam 1965*, *Northlanders*, *DMZ*, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, the *Before Watchmen* event—all these and many others have benefited from Dennis's editorial guidance.

Doyle proved his editorial skills with the remarkable *American Vampire* series by Scott Snyder, Stephen King, & Rafael Albuquerque; he has also worked on *Sweet Tooth*, *The New Deadwardians*, and *Northlanders*, and assists on *Before Watchmen*.

FCBD 2013 Approaches: Start Planning Now!

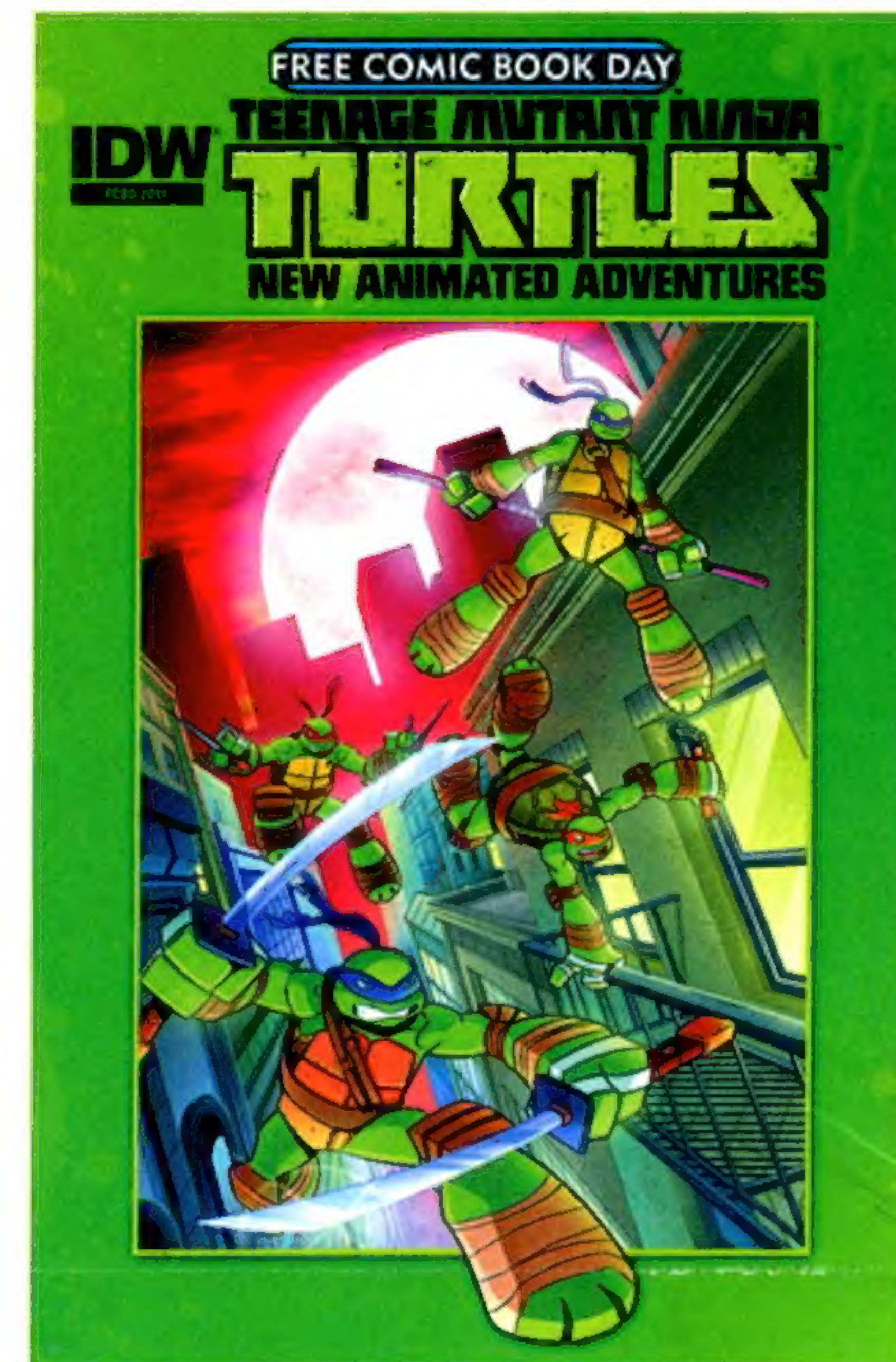
It's hard to believe that we're less than four months away from the next Free Comic Book Day, isn't it?! It turns out that publishers have been working for months to create some wonderful books to make this the best FCBD yet. Here's a list of what you can look forward to on May 4th, 2013!

First, the Gold-Level Sponsor's offerings (these are the books that every participating store will stock):



- Ape Entertainment: *Kizoic Presents Sesame Street & Strawberry Shortcake FCBD 2013*, spotlighting two books sure to appeal to young readers.
- Archie: *The World of Archie Digest FCBD 2013*, a 96-page digest-sized collection of Archie tales.
- Bongo: *Bongo Comics Free-For-All! FCBD 2013*, spotlighting the Simpsons.
- Boom: *Kaboom! Summer Blast FCBD 2013*, featuring excerpts from *Adventure Time*, *Peanuts*, *Regular Show*, *Bravest Warriors*, *Garfield*, *Ice Age*, and some brand-new surprises.

- Dark Horse: *Star Wars/Captain Midnight/Avatar FCBD 2013*, a trio of all-ages adventure that features a prelude tale for the upcoming *Captain Midnight*.
- DC: *Superman FCBD 2013 Special Edition*, which seems like a very logical choice, since we've heard that there might a Superman movie in the works this year...



- IDW: *TMNT New Animated Adventures FCBD 2013*, which captures the feel of the smash Nickelodeon TV show.
- Image: *The Walking Dead FCBD 2013 Special Edition*, featuring a brand-new Tyreese short story as well as reprints featuring Michonne, The Governor, and Morgan—and none of these stories will be reprinted in the trade paperbacks!
- Marvel: Well, Marvel won't tell us what their offering for FCBD 2013 is yet, but they promise that it will be "an epic that is out of this world as the biggest and best Super Heroes in the Marvel Universe come together for something that will leave fans demanding more!"
- NBM/PaperCutz: *The Smurfs FCBD 2013*, featuring two stories never before seen in the US.

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- United Plankton Pictures: *Spongebob Comics Freestyle Funnies FCBD 2013*, an original collection of Spongebob tales.
- Viz: *It's the Ugly Doll Comic & Other Stuff FCBD 2013*, featuring OX, Wage, Babo, Ice-Bat and all their friends in the Uglydolls' first-ever comic book adventure!

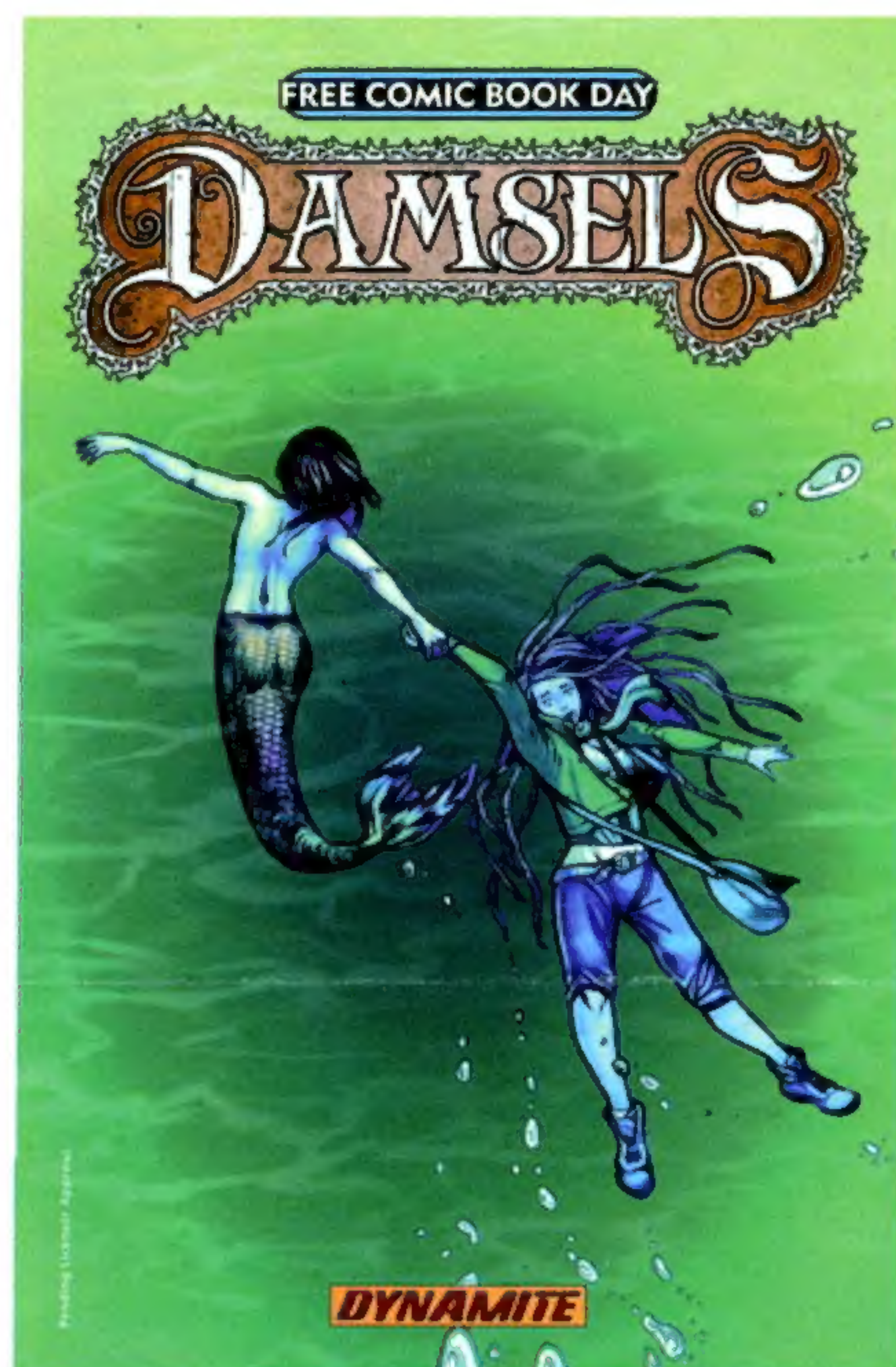
And now the Silver Sponsors offerings (these are books that stores may choose to carry, but are considered optional and thus may not be available at all locations):

- AAM Markosia: *Endangered Weapon B FCBD 2013*, a "madcap steampunk hijinks" series.
- Action Lab: *Molly Danger/Princeless FCBD 2013*, featuring two complete stories; and *NFL Rush Zone: Season of the Guardians FCBD 2013*, featuring football players turned superheroes.
- Alternia: *FUBAR FCBD 2013 Special*, an all-new tale of the zombie series.
- Antarctic: *Action Time Buddies FCBD 2013*, starring Kid the Adventurer and Bro the Kung-Fu Pegasus.



- Arcana: *Steampunk Originals Presents: The Steam Engines of Oz FCBD 2013*, a sneak peek of the upcoming Oz steampunk series.
- Archaia: *Mouse Guard/Rust FCBD 2013 Flipbook*, featuring two original stories.
- Archie: *FCBD 2013 Sonic the*

- Hedgehog/Mega Man Flipbook*, a primer for the upcoming crossover series.
- Aspen: *Worlds of Aspen FCBD 2013*, spotlighting Aspen's upcoming "10 for 10" titles along with a new Fathom tale.
- Avatar: *Absolution—The Beginning FCBD 2013*, reprinting the first two issues of Christos Gage's series in preparation for this summer's sequel, and *Bleeding Cool Magazine FCBD 2013*, an introduction and guide to collecting comics.
- Capstone: *Capstone Presents Mr. Puzzle FCBD 2013*, featuring two new tales by Chris Eliopoulos.
- ComixTribe: *The Red Ten #0 FCBD 2013*, kicking off a superhero retelling of Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*.
- Dark Horse: *Mass Effect/Killjoys/RIPD FCBD 2013*, featuring a trio of tales spotlighting three different series.
- DC: *DC Nation Super Sampler FCBD 2013*, featuring *Beware the Batman* and *Teen Titans Go!*

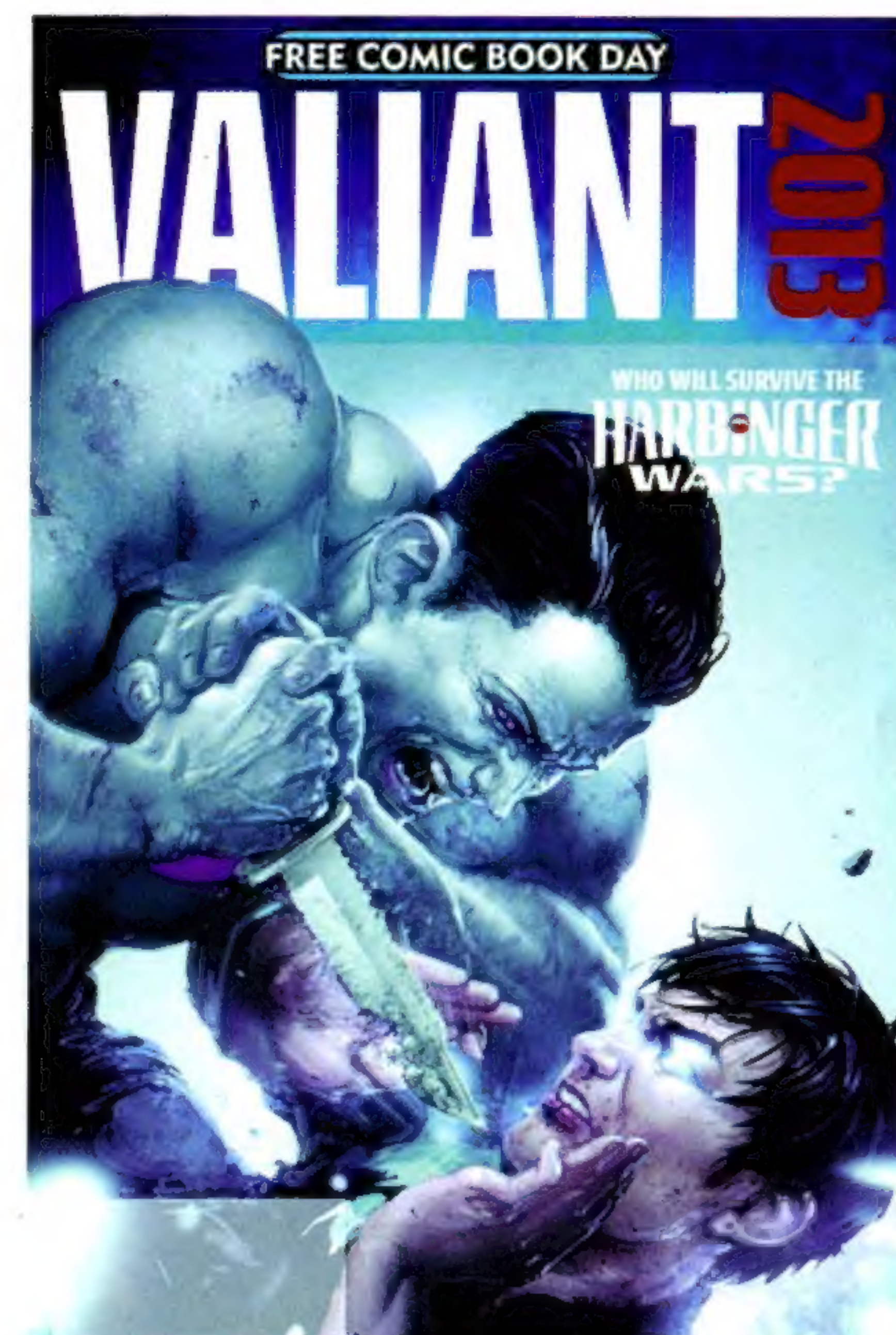


- Dynamite: *Damsels FCBD 2013*, featuring a fairy tale for all ages by Matthew Sturges, and *Grimm FCBD 2013*, an introduction to the upcoming comic based on the hit NBC series.
- Drawn & Quarterly: *Marble Season FCBD 2013*, a semiautobiographical tale by Gilbert Hernandez, and *Pippi Longstocking Color Special FCBD 2013*, offering a sneak peek at the upcoming series launching in May.
- Fantagraphics: *Hal Foster's Prince Valiant FCBD 2013*, featuring two Hal Foster stories.
- Gemstone: *Overstreet Comic Book Marketplace FCBD 2013*, spotlighting the comics that spawned some of the past year's biggest films.

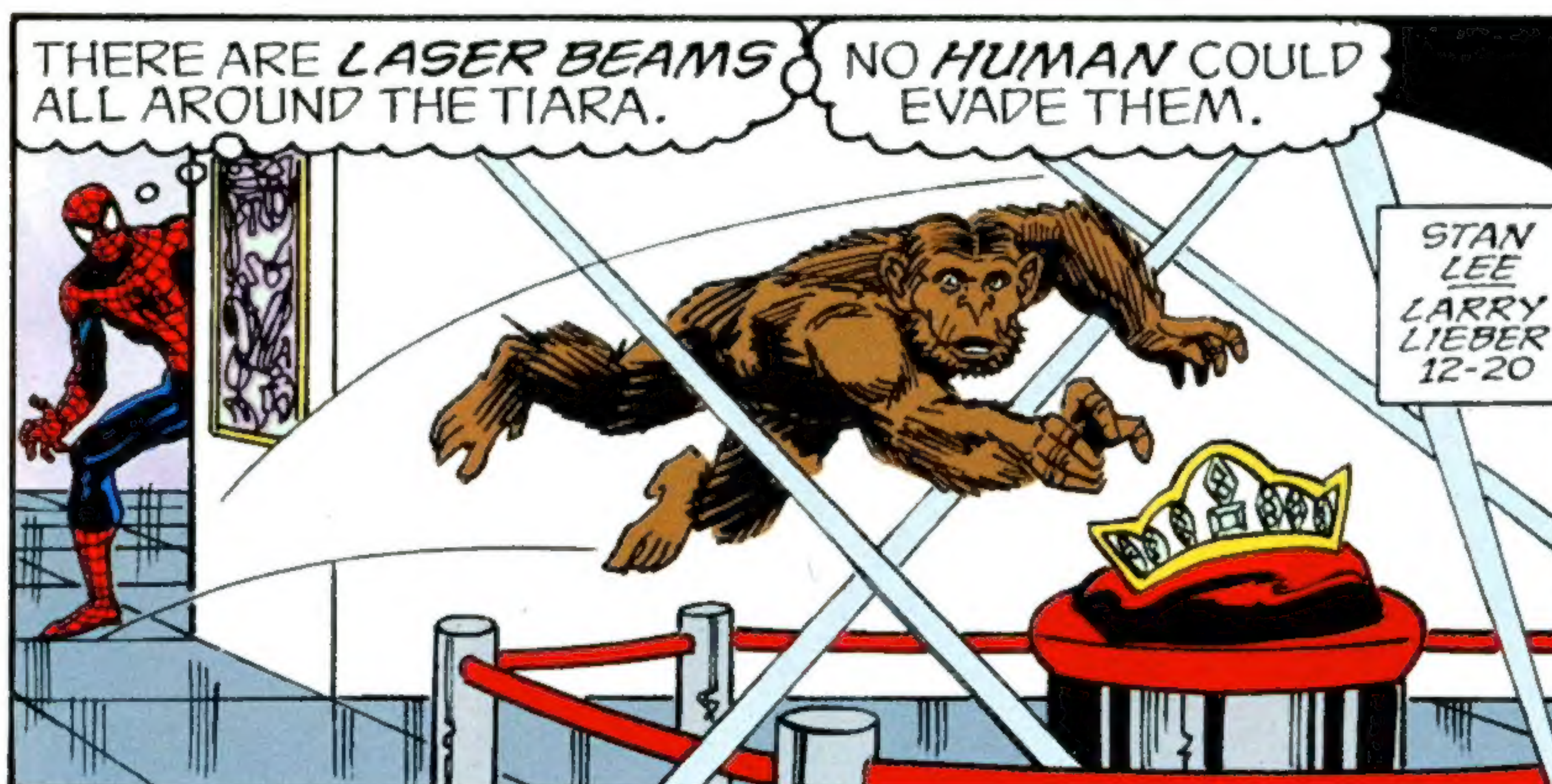
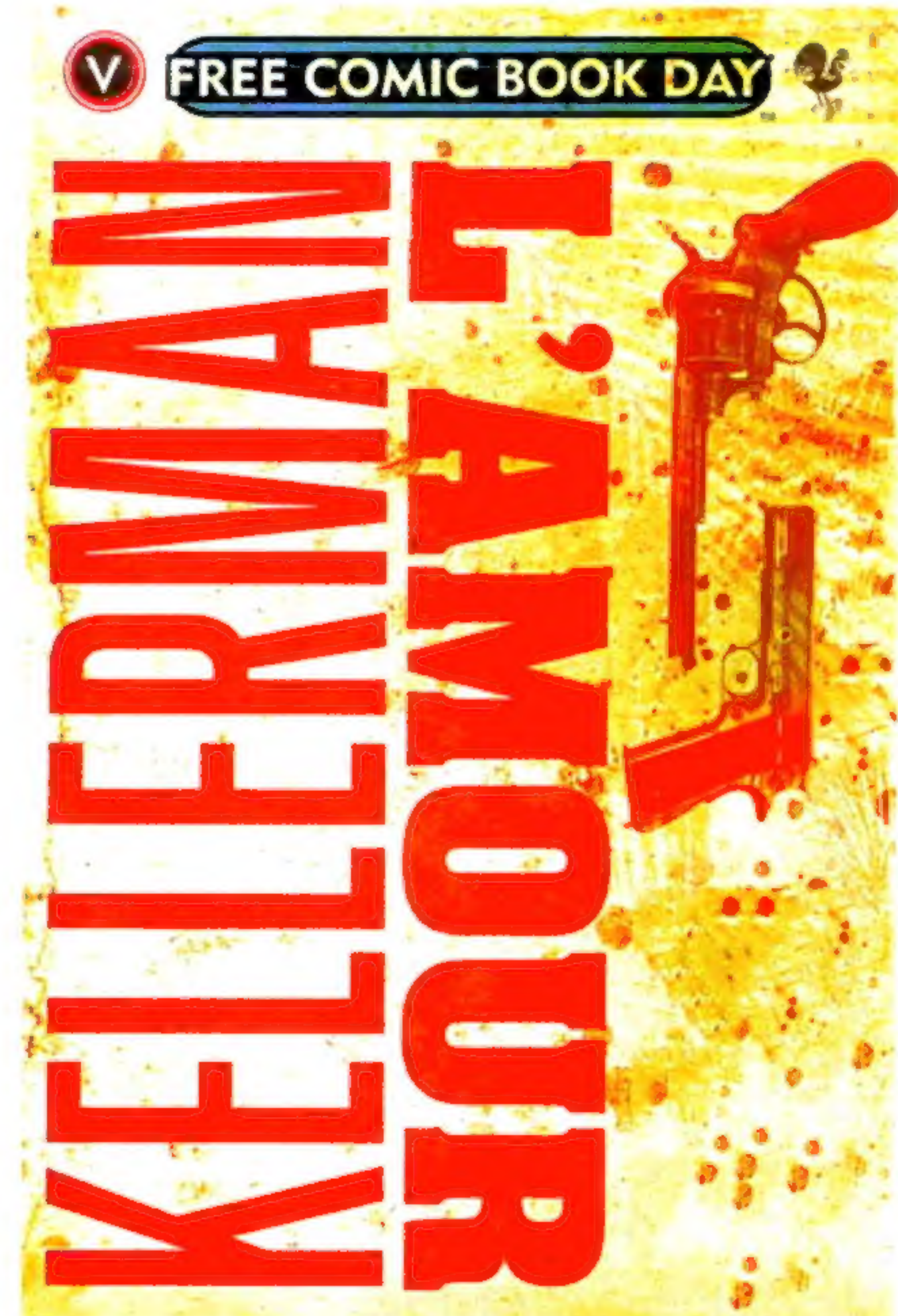
- Hermes: *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century FCBD 2013*, reprinting two complete Sunday stories by Rick Yager, and *Scratch9 FCBD 2013*, featuring a reprint of *Scratch9 #1*.
- IDW: *Judge Dredd Classics FCBD 2013*, featuring a pair of stories illustrated by Brian Bolland.
- Image: *Aphrodite IX FCBD 2013*, a preview of the upcoming *Aphrodite IX* series by Matt Hawkins.
- Liquid: *Stan Lee's Chakra the Invincible FCBD 2013*, the story of a young teenager who finds a way to activate the mystical Chakras, unleashing newfound abilities and powers, and *Ramayan Reloaded Preview FCBD 2013*, a SF reimagining of the epic *The Ramayana* by Ron Marz, Jim Starlin, and others.
- Marvel: *Avengers Assemble/Hulk and the Agents of SMASH #1 FCBD 2013*, a flipbook featuring the stars to be of Disney XD.
- New England Comics: *The Tick FCBD 2013*, featuring an all-new full-length Tick tale.
- Oni: *Rated "Free" For Everyone Starring Mermin & Crogan's Adventures FCBD 2013*, featuring stories by Chris Schweizer & Joe Weiser, and *The Strangers FCBD 2013*, an introduction the Chris Roberson series.
- PaperCutz: *Disney Fairies FCBD 2013*, featuring tales of Tinker Bell along with comics from the new hit series *Stardoll*.
- Rebellion: *2000 AD FCBD 2013 Special*, a 48-page special featuring a brand new Judge Dredd story and more.
- Red 5: *Atomic Robo & Friends FCBD 2013*, featuring a new Atomic Robo tale and previews of other series.



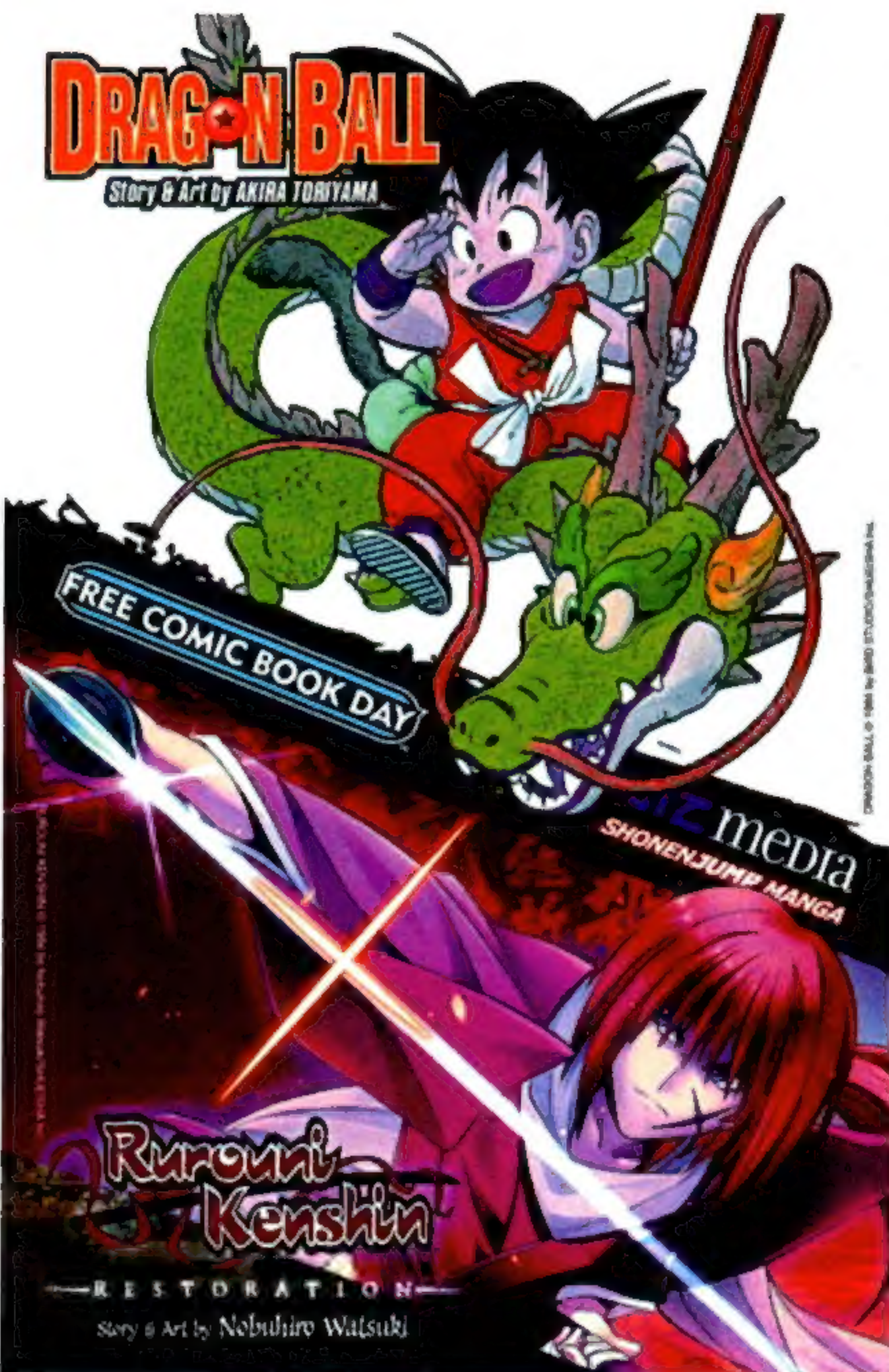
- Th3rd World: *Finding Gossamyr/Stuff of Legend FCBD 2013*, featuring a brand-new Gossamyr tale.
- Top Shelf: *Top Shelf Kids Club FCBD 2013*, featuring six stories, including *Owly*, *Johnny Boo*, *Korgi*, and more.



- Valiant: *Harbinger Wars FCBD 2013 Special*, featuring a lead-in to Valiant's first-ever family crossover, and *Valiant Masters Showcase FCBD 2013 Edition*, previewing upcoming Valiant Masters hardcover collections.
- Villard: *Kellerman/L'Amour FCBD 2013 Special*, spotlighting graphic novel adaptations of Jonathan Kellerman and Louis L'Amour tales.



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•Viz; Shonen Jump Presents Dragon Ball/Rurouni Kenshin Restoration FCBP 2013, spotlighting two Viz fan-favorites.

Start planning now! Let the folks at your friendly neighborhood comic shop know which titles pique your interest! And of course, share the news with friends who might not be regular comic book readers! After all, May isn't that far away!

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in March

Angel is ridiculously close to his goal of resurrecting Giles—when he's suddenly sidetracked, forcing an unlikely partnership between Faith and Spike, in *Angel & Faith* #20 by Christos Gage & Rebekah Isaacs.

The Art of Remember Me HC offers an insightful illustrative look at the dystopic world of the videogame.

After the horrific events of B.P.R.D.: 1948, follow one doomed agent's quest for revenge against a clan of vampires and their Gorgon-eyed queen Hecate in *BPRD: Vampire* #1 by Mike Mignola, Fabio Moon, & Gabriel Ba.



Following the deadly events of *The Return of the Master*, the reanimated director of the Russian occult sciences division leads a rescue mission through a blizzard as the B.P.R.D. engage in battle with more bat-faced monsters. Why are the Russians obsessed with a fallen radio tower in the middle of nowhere? Find out in *BPRD: Hell on Earth* #105—*A Cold Day in Hell Part 1* by Mike Mignola, John Arcudi, & Peter Snejbjerg.

Nate Cosby & Evan Shaner tell the classic tale of a demoted space cop and a 1970s android who hate each other and beat up evil things in the *Buddy Cops* oneshot. Get ready to enjoy the laugh-inducing odd couple of Uranus and T.A.Z.E.R. as they take on gigantic orangutan and vegetation beasts while debating the sexualization of toasters!

As if the events of this series haven't been distressing enough, real terror greets Buffy as soon as she returns to San Francisco, where friends and family await her with troubling news in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 9* #19 by Andrew Chambliss, Georges Jeanty, & Dexter Vines.

As Willow's journey speeds toward its end in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Willow—Wonderland* #5, Willow lands within a rather morbid landscape where the greatest evil she'll have to confront is herself if she's ever to make it home again.

With Alice Blood in Eben's hands, Cal will do anything—including using voodoo—to help fight the vampires. But that might not be enough as the ghouls and the vampires clash in an all-out brawl to the death—with Cal and Eben smack dab in the



center. Steve Niles & Christopher Mitten reveal who survives in *Criminal Macabre: Final Night—The 30 Days of Night Crossover* #4.

Mike Richardson interviews artist extraordinaire and *Shaolin Cowboy* creator Geof Darrow in *Dark Horse Presents* #25. Plus, delve into the alternate history of Howard Chaykin's Custer, enjoy the return of Steve Moncuse's Fish Police, and read new comics by Patrick Alexander!

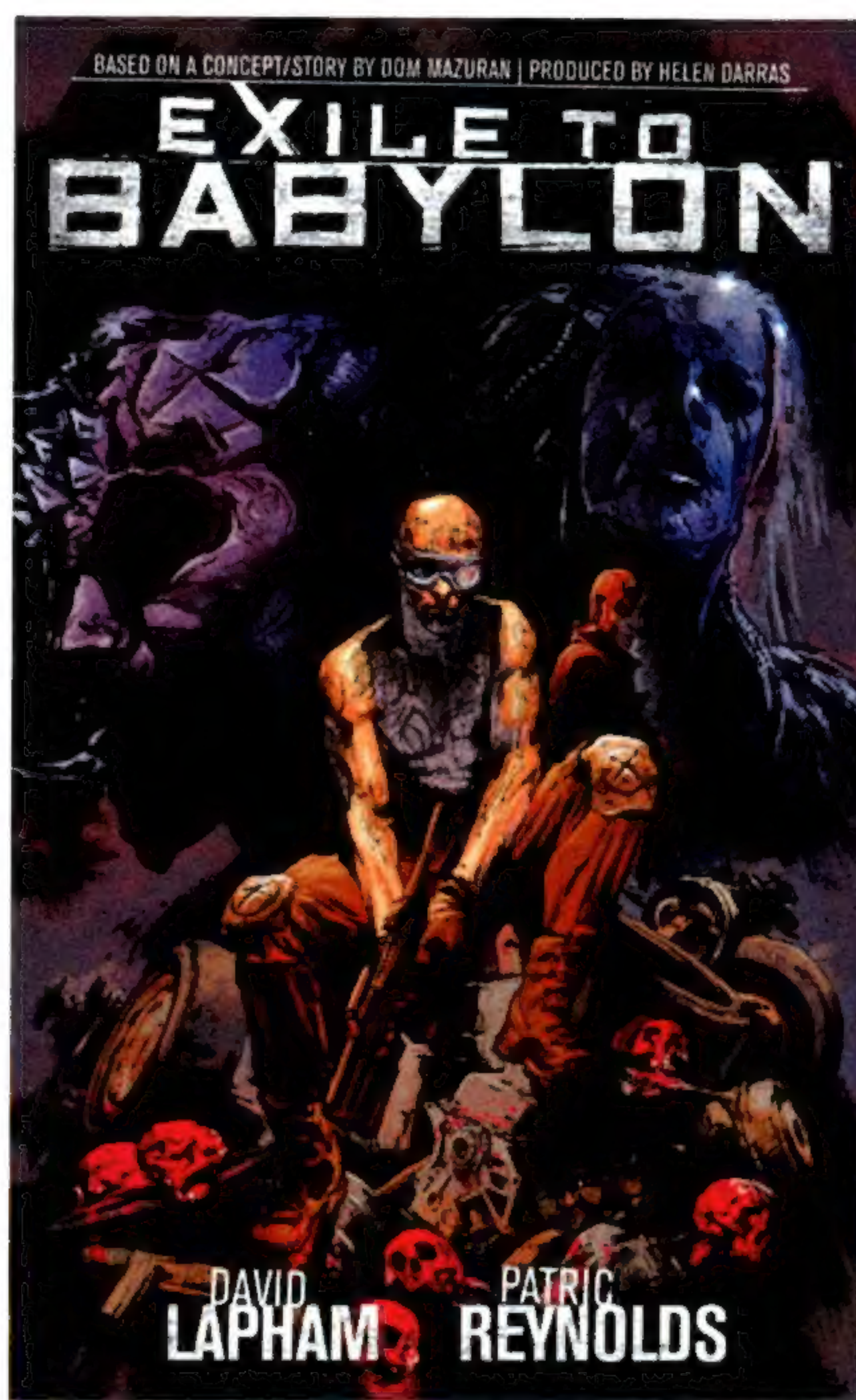
In the Old Town of Stockholm, where myths are alive and creatures of folklore haunt the night, an extraordinary young woman named Jennie is caught in the scheme of a cadre of villains who control the means to free the Domovoi—the lethally dangerous, poltergeist-like spirit of the entire city—in *Peter Bergting's Domovoi TP*.



Allied with the world's most feared warrior race—the qunari—the pirate Isabela, and the rogue Varric, King Alistair brings battle royale to the evil mage responsible for his father's disappearance in *Dragon Age: Until We Sleep* #1, written by lead game writer David Gaider.

Discovering the remains of an actual dragon frozen in the mountains of Tibet, Chinese adventurer Jesse Chang sends a DNA sample to her geneticist twin brother Jack, who sets to work unlocking its potential to improve the human genome. But when a rogue American general learns of the discovery and kidnaps Jack, Jesse is forced to use the untested formula on herself, unleashing the ancient powers of the dragon in *Dragon Resurrection TP*.

In 2040, a private military operative of reeducated gang members—the Blackshield



Angels—are the only hope of liberating a vital fuel supply from a criminal overlord. Blackshield's best agent struggles through betrayal, love, and a seemingly unending war zone—Zone 12—to complete his mission in *Exile to Babylon TP*, a compelling SF adventure by David Lapham, Patric Reynolds, & Matthew Southworth.

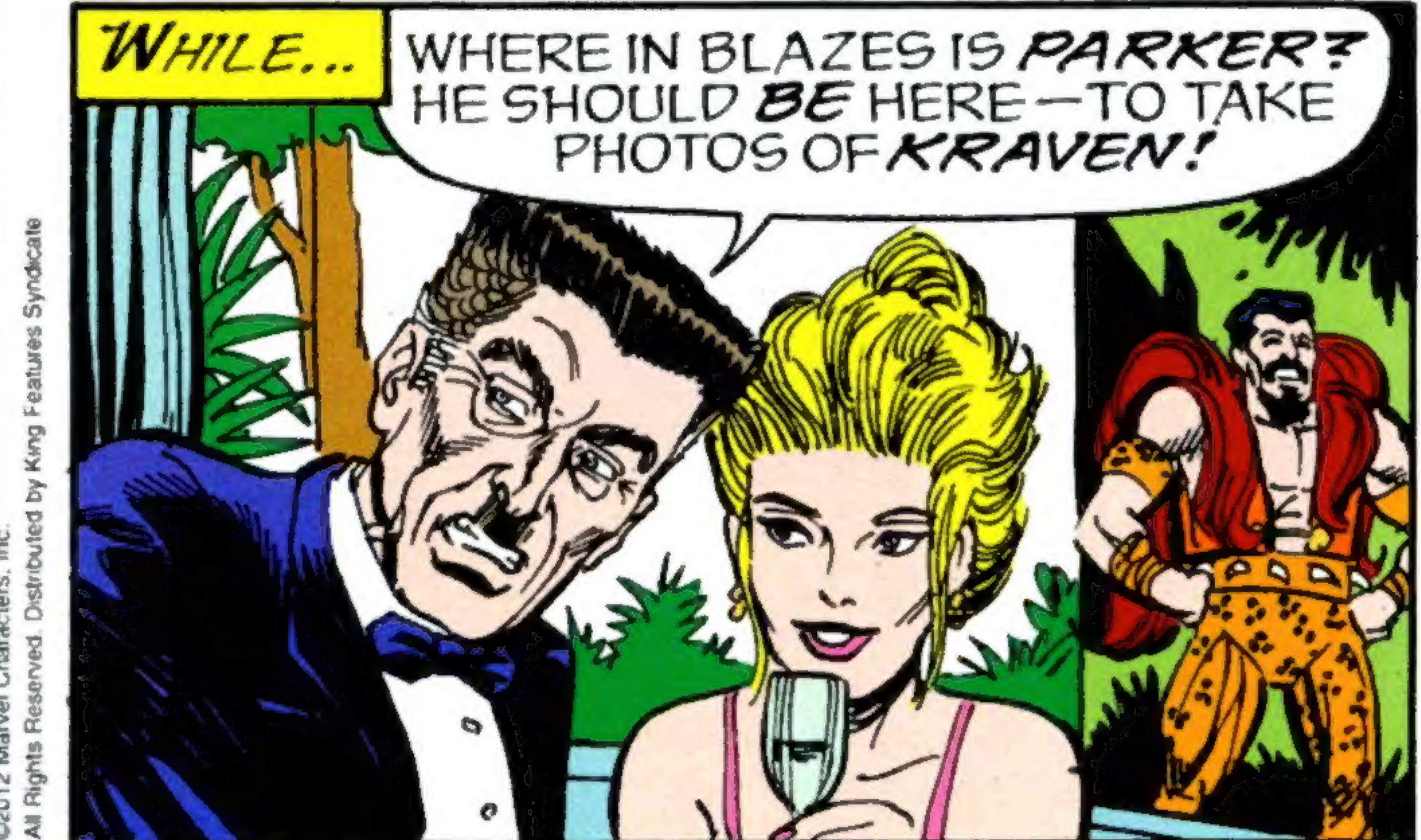
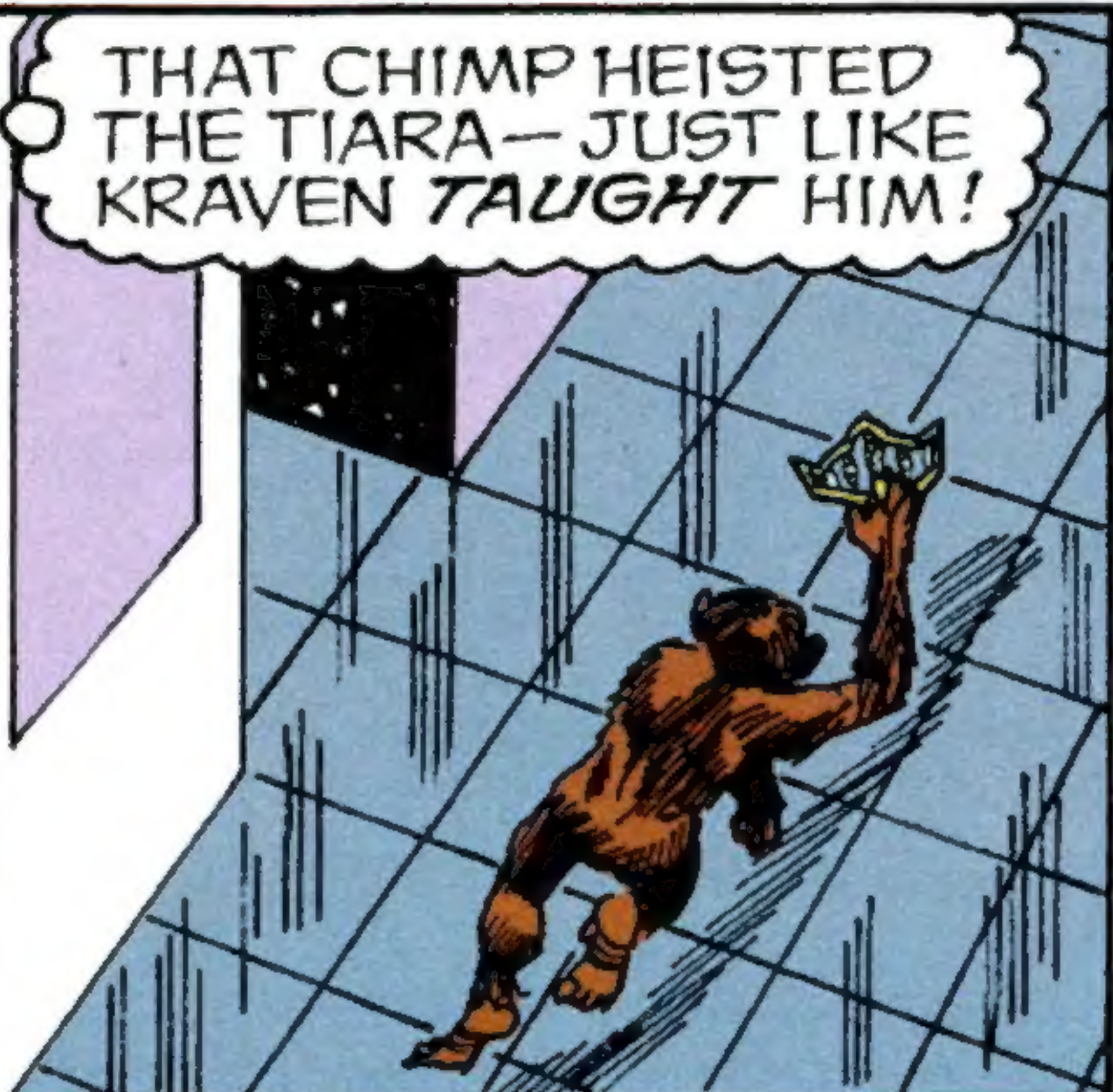
Mike Mignola continues to chronicle Hellboy's journey through the afterlife in *Hellboy in Hell* #4. But Mignola has one more revelation before concluding this initial monthly run of the story we've been building to since 1994...

The fight against the shadowy Mind Management organization spreads to the Middle East in *Matt Kindt's Mind MGMT* #9. The race is on, as former agent Henry Lyme and investigator Meru rush to recruit assets like the Musician—whose pop music influences the politics and unrest in Egypt—before Mind MGMT does!

Someone has abducted the sole heir to the pharmaceutical company that transformed the City of Dreams into the City of Nightmares. Mister X is hired to find her—alive—in *Mister X: Hard Candy*, a oneshot by Dean Motter.

Fantasy artist Victoria Francés presents a gorgeous storybook for all ages in the 64-page *Misty Circus TP*, the tale of little Parisian boy Sasha and his poignant misadventures.

August 1944: a man in a suit of iron armor drops from an American warplane onto a French battlefield, where he attempts to fight his way through an army of Nazis and the massive war machine they keep pro-



ected in an armory. See him in action in *Sledgehammer '44 #1* by Mike Mignola, John Arcudi, & Jason Latour.

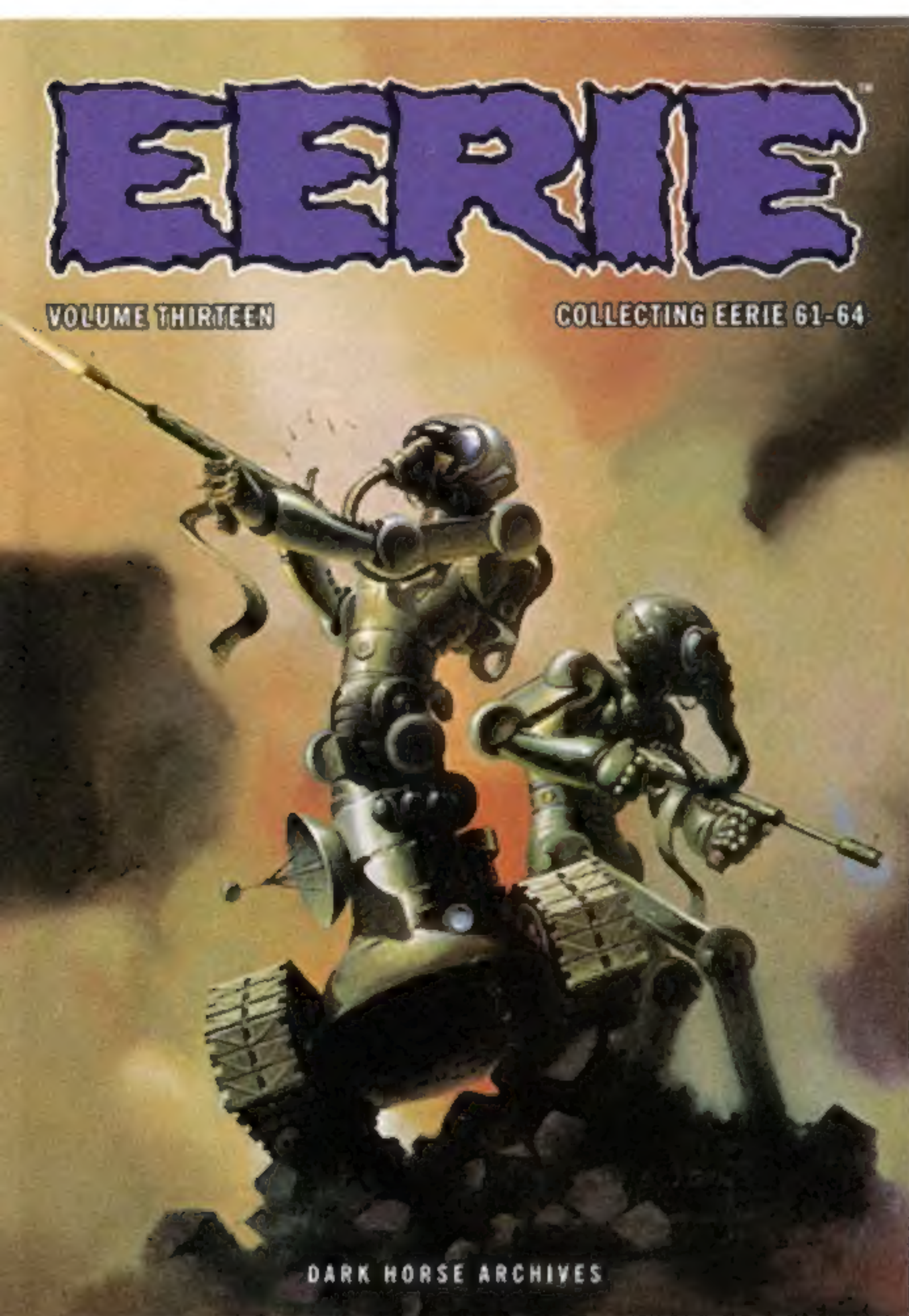
In *Star Wars #3* by Brian Wood & Carlos D'Anda, Princess Leia forms a secret squadron of stealth X-wings to help expose a spy within the Rebel ranks. But taking command puts her at odds with Luke Skywalker at a time they need solidarity more than ever—especially when the spy has alerted the Empire to Han Solo's latest venture!

Despite her famous heritage, Ania Solo—great-great-granddaughter of Han and Leia—is just a girl trying to make her way in a galaxy gone bad. But it all gets worse when she comes into possession of a lightsaber and an Imperial communications droid—and discovers she has been targeted for death in *Star Wars: Legacy—Prisoner of the Floating World #1* by Corinna Bechko & Gabriel Hardman.

Like his mother before him, Shane's an alcoholic. But his family curse goes deeper than that—Shane needs to overcome the black magic at the heart of his addiction by killing a liquor demon if he hopes to reclaim his soul. Witness his struggle in *Wild Rover Featuring the Sacrifice* by Michael Avon Oeming & Victor Santos.

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for April and May release) include:

- **Criminal Macabre: No Peace for Dead Men TP**, collecting *Die, Die, My Darling!*, *No Peace for Dead Men*, *They Fight by Night*, *Criminal Macabre/The Goon: When Freaks Collide*, and "Call me Monster".
- **Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 9 Volume 3: Guarded TP**, collecting BTVS Season 9 #s 11-15.
- **The Chronicles of King Conan Volume 5: The Black Dragons & Other Stories TP**, collecting *Conan the King* #s 21-25.



- **Eerie Archives Volume 13 HC**, collecting *Eerie* #s 61-64.
- **Freaks Amour TP**, collecting the series by Tom DeHaven, Dana Marie Andra, Gary Panter, Phil Hester, & Ande Parks.
- **Korak, Son of Tarzan Archives Volume 1 HC**, collecting *Korak* #s 1-6 by Gaylord DuBois & Russ Manning.
- **Lone Wolf & Cub Omnibus Volume 1 TP**, a larger 5" x 7" trade paperback collecting *Lone Wolf & Cub Vols 1 & 2* and portions of Vol 3.
- **The Manara Library Volume 5: More**

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Adventures of Giuseppe Bergman HC, collecting the classic *An Author in Search of Six Characters* and *Dies Irae*, along with *Bergman's Odyssey* and *The Urban Adventures*.

• **Mass Effect Library Edition Volume 1 HC**, collecting every *Mass Effect* comic to date.

• **RIPD: City of the Damned TP**, collecting the four-part miniseries.

• **Star Wars: Darth Maul—Death Sentence TP**, collecting the four-issue miniseries.

• **Star Wars Omnibus: Wild Space Volume 1 TP**, a collection of rare *Star Wars* comics, including *Alan Moore's* Marvel UK tales.

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When a cosmonaut attempts the first space walk in 1965, the rest of his crew watches in horror as he's swallowed whole by shadow. Only the Doctor can save the spacecraft and the historically important

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mission in *Doctor Who* #7 by Joshua Hale Fialkov & Horacio Domingues.

Doctor Who Classics #1 presents two complete stories featuring the Seventh Doctor, "Time and Tide" and "Follow That Tardis!" by such luminaries as Richard Starkings, Andy Lanning, & Dougie Braithwaite!

IDW's yearlong celebration of Doctor Who's 50th anniversary continues in *Doctor Who: Prisoners of Time* #3 by Scott & David Tipton and Mike Collins. The Third Doctor takes the spotlight in this issue.



Fighting cancer isn't just a struggle to the body. It's also a fight with the heart, and the soul, and the spirit. The non-profit organization Elizabeth's Canvas has been helping with that struggle by providing cancer patients, survivors, and their family members with art, photography, dance and writing classes, at no charge, so that they can better cope with their symptoms and improve their well-being. Now Elizabeth's Canvas, IDW Publishing and Blastoff have come together to create the *Elizabeth's Canvas* graphic novel, in which comic creators from across the industry interview the people behind the struggle with cancer — the patients, the nurses, the survivors, the researchers — and tell their stories; tales of defiance, perseverance, dedication and triumph. Contributors include Mark Waid, Gregg Horwitz, Harlan Ellison, Chris Ryall, Scott Tipton, Jud Meyers, David Messina, Claudia Balboni, Ryan Benjamin, Sara Pichelli, Elena Casagrande, Todd Harris, & Jenny Frison. All proceeds from the sale of the graphic novel will go to further fund and grow Elizabeth's Canvas' efforts.

The G.I. Joe team battles Cobra to the death on American soil in *GI Joe* #2 by Fred Van Lente & Steve Kurth.

The legendary team of Chuck Dixon and Paul Gulacy lead the G.I. Joe team undercover and into action in *GI Joe: Special Mission* #1! The Baroness tries to get back into Cobra's good graces—and it's up to Scarlett to assemble a team to take the villainess down!

Mikko Rautalahti, Gerry Kissell, & Amin Amat adapt the science fiction/comedy film in *Iron Sky*, which follows the fate of Nazis who fled to the moon in 1945, and return in 2018 to conquer the Earth with their armada of flying saucers.



In *Judge Dredd: Year One* #1, an all-new adventure from Joe Dredd's early days as a Mega City-One Judge, writer (and Eagle-award-winning 2000 AD Editor) Matt Smith presents a tale where "all the young juves, carry the news," only in this case, the news is delivered with a lethal blow!

John Byrne's phenomenal *Fantastic Four* run is spotlighted in *John Byrne's Fantastic Four: Artist's Edition HC*, a lavishly produced hardcover, reproduced in the same size as the original art and in full color to show off blue-lines, pencil art, corrections, and more. More than six stories are collected including a cover gallery and additional extras. This is as close as you'll ever come to owning this John Byrne original art!

Technology is failing all over Mega-City One, causing blackouts, explosions, radiation leaks and other nasty surprises... leaving Dredd stranded in the middle of a vicious block war, with no backup or reinforcements. It's just a Judge and his Lawgiver against overwhelming odds—that is, until his Lawgiver seemingly becomes sentient, and begins to disagree with Dredd's judgments, in *Judge Dredd* #5 by Duane Swierczynski, Nelson Daniel, & David Williams.

The Four-Who-Are-One go it alone, beginning with *KISS Solo: The Demon* #1 by Chris Ryall & Angel Medina, a tale of blood, revenge, fire, and... the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Chris Roberson takes readers back to the world of *Memorial* in the three-part *Memorial: Imaginary Fiends*. The fantasies and fears that seem so real to children are often forgotten in adulthood. But after the events of the first *Memorial* miniseries, for-

gotten memories are being recovered all over the world. Can those lost fears and fantasies be far behind?

Katie Cook & Amy Mebberson present another unforgettable adventure in the land of Equestria in *My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic* #5. Twilight Sparkle and gang are confronted with a perilous new danger in the form of a long-unseen enemy! See how the Magic of Friendship prevails in the start of a brand new story arc!

Ryan Lindsay & Tony Fleecs spotlight Rainbow Dash in *My Little Pony MicroSeries* #2: *Rainbow Dash*. She takes her job patrolling the skies very seriously, but she may have met her match when a group of mischievous cloud gremlins threaten to block out the sun!



The Mystery Society returns in *Mystery Society Special 2013* by Steve Niles & Andrew Ritchie. Our outlandish heroes plumb the depths of the ocean to carry out an exchange with an eccentric collector who isn't what he seems. What horrors await Nick Mystery, Anastasia, Secret Skull and the rest of the team at the bottom of the sea?

The ghost of a notorious killer has begun to haunt New York in *New Ghostbusters* #2 by Erik Burnham & Dan Schoening, and The New Ghostbusters have to stop him before he can pick up where he left off. Meanwhile, the Original Ghostbusters compare notes—trying to figure out where they are, and how to get home...

In *Star Trek* #19, Mike Johnson & Claudia Balboni reveal what led young Montgomery Scott to devote himself to engineering, as we witness his first steps on the journey that would take him across the galaxy!

Before Cybertron was reborn—Bumblebee lead the Autobots on Earth. In *Transformers Spotlight: Bumblebee* by John Barber & David Daza, he must take the reigns of command... and he's got hundreds of rogue Decepticons standing between him and respect!

Searching for a missing teammate, Grimlock leads his team deep into Shockwave's citadel in *Transformers: Fall of Cybertron*—and they'll pay for their trespass with their lives! It's the origin of the Dinobots as you've never seen it before!

With creative collaboration from creator/writer/producer Alan Ball, actor/writer Michael McMillian begins a climactic arc that will threatens to rip up Bon Temps at its roots in *True Blood* #11.

IDW collected editions include:

- *The Complete Zaucer of Zilk*, collecting the offbeat miniseries by Brendan McCarthy & Al Ewing.

- *Crawl to Me: Deluxe Limited Red Label Edition*, a slipcased edition of the Alan Robert-menton3 series that includes a hand-drawn sketch by Alan Robert.

- *The Definitive Flash Gordon & Jungle Jim Volume 3 HC*, collecting every Alex Raymond Sunday from 3/12/39 through the end of 1941.

- *Doctor Who Series III Volume 1 TP*, collecting #s 1-4 of the new series.

- *Ghostbusters Volume 4: Who Ya Gonna Call? TP*, collecting *Ghostbusters* #s 13-16.

- *GI Joe: A Real American Hero Volume 6 TP*, collecting 128 pages of adventures by Joe master scribe Larry Hama.

- *GI Joe: Target Snake Eyes*, collecting all six issues from the *G.I. Joe* and *Snake Eyes* and *Storm Shadow* crossover.

- *Godzilla Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Godzilla* #s 5-8.

- *Love & Capes Volume 4: What to Expect TP*, collecting the six-issue miniseries.

- *Popeye Volume 2 SC*, collecting *Popeye* #s 5-8.

- *The Pound Volume 2: Ghoul's Night Out TP*, collecting *The Pound* #s 1-4.

- *Skippy Volume 2 HC*, collecting Percy Crosby's daily comics from 1928 through 1930.

- *Star Trek Volume 4 TP*, collecting *Star Trek* #s 13-16.

- *The Strange World of Your Dreams: Comics Meet Sigmund Freud & Salvador Dali HC*, collecting 1950's dream-themed tales by Joe Simon & Jack Kirby.

- *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Color Classics MicroSeries: Donatello*, reprinting the classic Kevin Eastman & Peter Laird story that brings Donatello face to face with a reclusive artist named Kirby... an artist with a magic pencil that makes his drawings come to life.

- *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Adventures Volume 4 TP*, reprinting #s 13-16 of the Archie Comics series.



- **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Classics Volume 4 TP**, collecting three more adventures as the Turtles travel the world and through time.
- **Transformers: More Than Meets the Eye Volume 3 TP**, collecting the 2012 Annual and #s 9-12.
- **The Wizard's Tale TP**, a new edition of the fantasy tale by Kurt Busiek & David Wenzel.



Coming Comics—Image in March

Jonathan Hickman & Nick Dragotta present a science fictional Western set in a dystopian America in *East of West* #1. And it turns out that the only hope for the future rests in the Fo ur Horsemen of the Apocalypse...who just happen to be trying to kill the President of the United States.

After a tragic encounter with an artifact known as "The Dreamstone," infamous treasure hunter Fabian Gray was possessed by five literary ghosts and has been granted access to their unique abilities. Meet him in *Five Ghosts: The Haunting of Fabian Gray* #1 by Frank J. Barbiere & Chris Mooneyham.

The Eisner winning team of Jim McCann & Janet Lee reunite for the four-issue *Lost Vegas*, which follows a gambler-turned-slave who has 24 hours to go all in and pull off the greatest heist the universe has seen.

Last month, Jim Zub & Edwin Huant presented *The Uncanny Skullkickers* #1. This month, it's *Savage Skullkickers* #1! (Yeah, they know it's really *Skullkickers* #20... but if adjectives can sell more comics, they're all in!)

Simon Cooke has retired from his own "alternative lifestyle" and returned to the city he'd previously sworn to protect. Now he's just another average citizen -- or is he? Find out in the very mature series *Sex* by Joe Casey & Piotr Kowalski.

Robert Kirkman, Charlie Adlard, & Cliff Rathburn combine the original Governor tale from the *CBLDF Liberty Annual 2012* with a reprint of the first appearance of the Governor in *The Walking Dead: The Governor Special*.

Image collected editions include:

- **The Art of Todd McFarlane: The Devil's In the Details TP**, a softcover edition of the sold-out McFarlane art book.
- **'68 Volume 2: Scars TP**, collecting the four-part miniseries.
- **Chew Omnivore Edition Volume 3 HC**, collecting *Chew* #s 21-30 and *Secret Agent Poyo*.

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- **Cyberforce: Rebirth Volume 1 TP**, collecting *Cyberforce* #s 1-5.
- **Guardian the Globe Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Guarding the Globe* v2 #s 1-6.
- **It Girl & The Atomics Round One: Dark Streets, Snap City TP**, collecting *It Girl & the Atomics* #s 1-6.
- **The Manhattan Projects Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Manhattan Projects* #s 7-12.
- **Maximum Minimum Wage HC**, an oversized 360-page collection of the series by Bob Fingerman with oodles of guest artists.
- **Mice Templar Volume 3 TP**, collecting the eight-issue miniseries.
- **Morning Glories Volume 4: Truants TP**, collecting *Morning Glories* #s 20-25.
- **Peter Panzerfaust Volume 2: Hooked TP**, collecting *Peter Panzerfaust* #s 6-10.
- **Severed TP**, collecting the seven-issue miniseries.
- **Spawn: Origins Book 8 HC**, collecting *Spawn* #s 88-100.
- **Thief of Thieves Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Thief of Thieves* #s 8-13.
- **Triggergirl 6 #1**, collecting the miniseries by Jimmy Palmiotti, Justin Gray, & Phil Noto.



Coming Comics—Boom in March

Adult Swim writers Paul Scheer & Nick Giovannetti enlist artist Manual Bracchi for *Aliens Vs. Parker*, a four-part miniseries that follows a group of Space-Ex employees who relieve the monotony of their cargo job by playing the MMO game Warfighter. Things get weird, though, when they have to deliver a classified package to a planet more dangerous than any they've ever faced before...



When Crash and Eddie hear about a haunted treasure in a place called Bone Valley, they can't get the idea out of their heads! After convincing Peaches and Sid to join them on their journey, they set off to become treasure hunters...but what surprise awaits them where "X" marks the spot? You'll see what happens next in *Ice Age: The Hidden Treasure*.

Adopted in secret by a specialized U.S. intelligence agency, six orphans spend the next decade of their lives under the foster care of "The Council," living at a training facility called "The Playground" as they're molded into the next generation of super-spies. But now that they've been unleashed on the real world, will their fictional lives come crashing down around them? Find out in *Orphans* #1 by Michael Alan Nelson & Scott Godlewski.

Boom collected editions include:

- **Adventure Time: Mathematical Edition Volume 1 HC**, a deluxe hardcover reprinting the first six issues of the hit series, along with exclusive bonus material.
- **Garfield Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Garfield* #s 5-8.
- **Hellraiser Volume 5 TP**, collecting *Hellraiser* #s 17-20.

Coming Comics—Valiant in March

Trapped between the opposing forces of Toyo Harada's Eggbreakers and Project Rising Spirit, Peter Stanchek and his wayward band of renegade telekinetics are



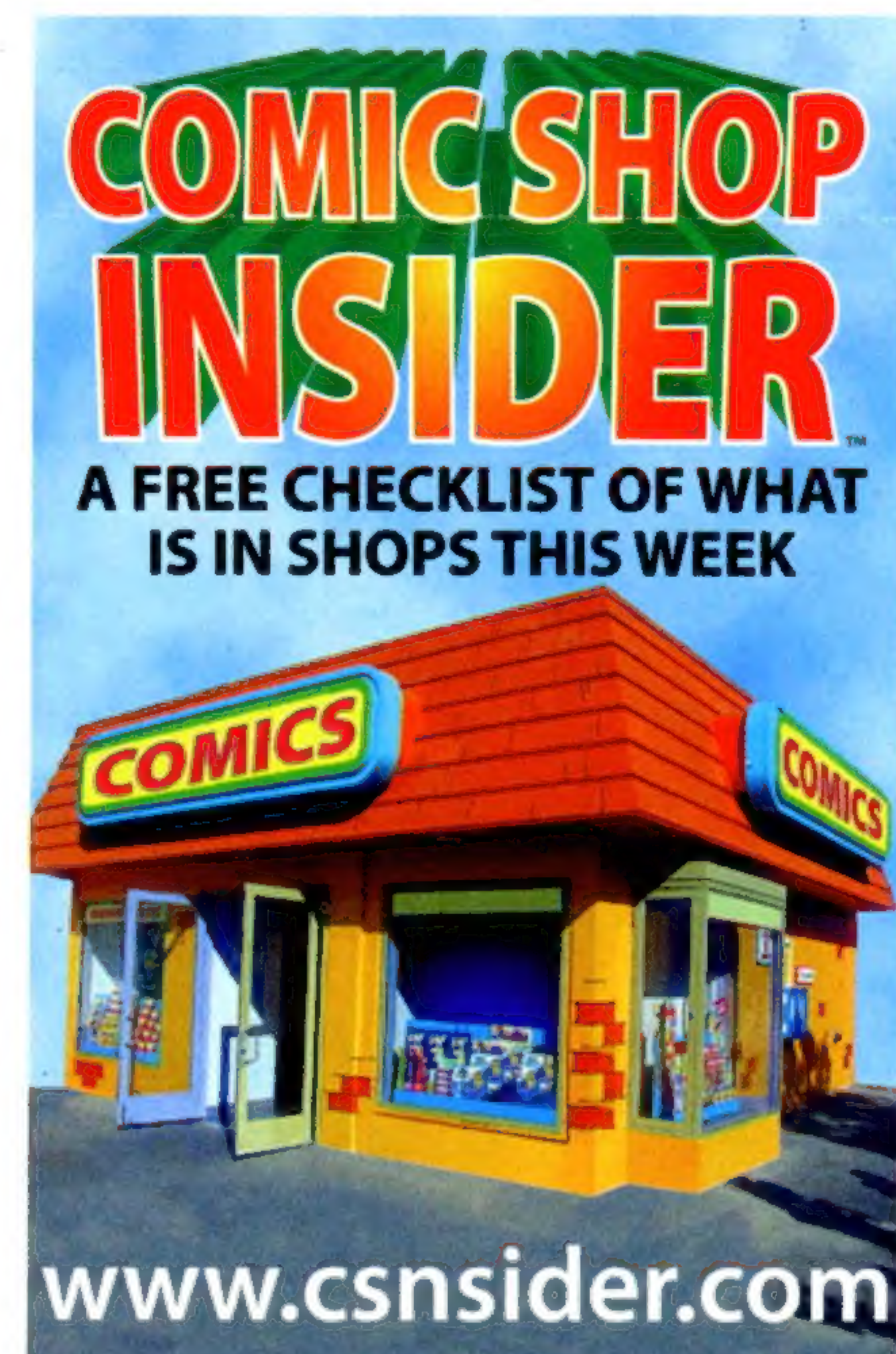
about to find themselves in a vicious, three-way firefight in *Harbinger* #10 by Joshua Dysart & Clayton Henry. Can they put aside their fears and do battle as the team they'll need to be to survive? The Renegades are about to make their big debut — and, when the smoke clears, the Valiant Universe is going to be a very different place.

Justin Jordan & Patrick Zircher launch a new Master Darque story arc in *Shadowman* #5. Jack Boniface has just been to Hell and back. After surviving the horrors of the Deadside, Jack is taking his new abilities to the limit and discovering more about the legacy of the Shadowman with each passing night. But what if he wasn't the only thing that managed to escape back to Earth? Something dark has arrived in New Orleans, leaving death and madness in its black wake.

Planet Death launches in earnest in *X-O Manowar* #11 by Robert Venditti & Cary Nord. X-O Manowar's one-man invasion of the Vine's alien homeworld starts here! At long last, Aric of Dacia will take his revenge on the alien race that have pursued him at every turn... and he will not stop until the whole of their empire is reduced to ash. But when one man declares war on an entire world, what painful consequences will he reap for himself — and for the whole of human race?

Valiant collected editions include:

- **Archer & Armstrong Volume 1: The Michelangelo Code TP**, collecting *Archer & Armstrong* #s 1-4.
- **X-O Manowar Volume 2: Enter Ninjak TP**, collecting *X-O Manowar* #s 5-8.



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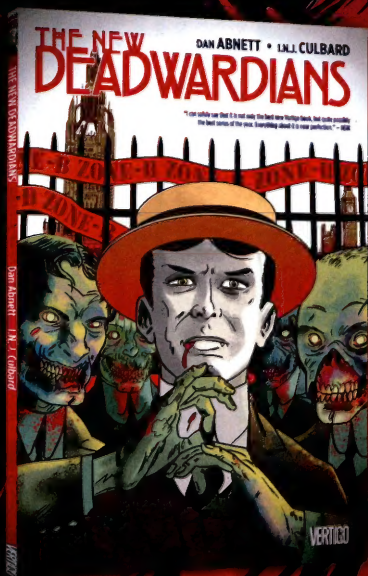
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